

REMARKS

Claims 1, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38, 39, 41, 44, and 47 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-6, 21-35, and 36-49 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38, 41, and 47 are amended to clarify these claims as discussed in a telephone conversation held with Examiner William Vesperman on 15 April 2004. Claim 47 is slightly modified but includes the main changes discussed. Claims 39 and 44 are amended to eliminate possible duplicate language.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2157 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,


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